

Human Education in Society Full of Information

I. Abstract

Today, Japan's information-filled society has been growing rapidly. Now, one of the problems is that media literacy, the ability to select truths from media, does not spread out. In the society where there are false rumors and tricks, it is important to have our own will or ability to judge. This study aims to think of what kind of education is necessary in order to learn this ability. We thought that we need to receive information-related-education at an early age because it requires long time to gain media literacy. We did fieldwork and made a plan of education. As a result, we concluded that the education about information is necessary and important.

II. Introduction

The theme of our research is "Human Education in the Society Full of Information." A lot of people have used information to control our thought in history. It is called "propaganda."

There is so much information in our society. And of course, there is so much propaganda, too. However, we barely have media literacy. We decided to research on what kind of education is needed to create people who can use information correctly, in other words, education to become deep thinkers.

Therefore, we thought that information education is important to achieve this goal.

III. Propaganda

Report follows: primarily, we define propaganda as an advertisement which politics and other fields of work uses on the mind of the people in order to make them have a certain thought and value.

This picture is what was used to control the nation in World War II by the government of the United States. It shows that Superman has Tojo Hideki in his right hand and Adolf Hitler in his left and will punish them. So it implanted in American children's minds that "the bad guys are being put down by superman" that is to say Japan and Germany are bad countries.

In addition, now, there is an opinion poll that can conduct our answers by using questioning technique. We are controlled without even realizing it.

IV. Fieldwork

The following are results of the interview to head office of Sankei Shimbun Co., Ltd. and The Asahi Shimbun Morioka branch. There are various kinds of propaganda. Some examples of propaganda are Pokemon Go, demonstration against security bills, and survey of public opinion. This result suggests necessity of using Internet carefully. Thus, it is necessary not to influence image but to search for information hidden by big news. In addition, it is important to use Internet with your own opinion.

According to these interviews, two facts were proven, propaganda can be seen around us and information should be suspected.

Moreover, we searched about social media and education of information in Japan.

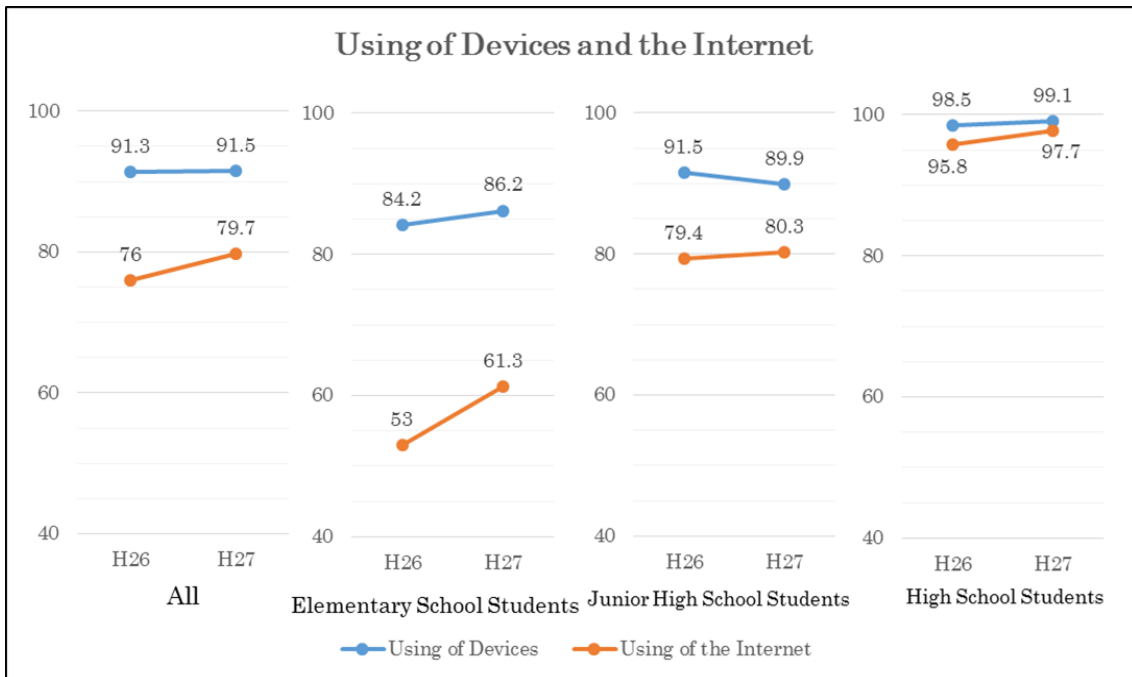
First, the age at which start to use smartphone is younger in cities than in countries, and now than past.

Second, education of information is started in elementary schools, and the way of this is school, lecture, pamphlet made by a nation and so on.

Therefore, we conclude that the better education sustainable for modern society is needed.

V. Using of the Internet

Following the findings, we illustrate the data about the Internet used by students. Please look the red line graph. Elementary school children, junior high school students, and high school students, every stage are high and high level. The blue line graph is percentage of having information appliance. There is a close connection between the data of red line graph and the blue one. In addition, we show the data about percentage of having cellphone or smartphone. People often use the Internet with two tools. These data prove that everyone live in society full of information.



VI. Plan of Education

Our group made “Information-related Education Plan”. In this case, information means contents that are sent through the mass media such as the Internet, newspapers, TVs, and so on. This plan will start in third or fourth grade of elementary school. The key point is to learn benefits, risks and system of the Internet. Next, fifth or sixth grade's key point is understanding the importance of having a variety of perspective. In junior high school, students study with an emphasis on experience of sending information for themselves. And about 98% of high school students are users of the Internet. So, it is necessary to have the ability of judge and apply effectively.

VII. Conclusion

Now, society is full of information and has a lot of problems. For example, there is a possibility that people’s thoughts are controlled by propaganda or excessive advertisement. Therefore, people deserve to learn an understanding of internet and media literacy. Moreover, today, cell phones are spreading among elementary school students and it shows that children will come to join the internet community. Thus, it is important to educate about information effectively. It is education of information that is required to survive the society full of information.

The effective information-related-education is needed for people in order to live in society full of information. So, the understanding of the subject as "Information"

deeply is needed to people. Therefore, we want to introduce special class several times a year into class of elementary schools, junior high schools and high schools. Moreover, we will study the better way of information-related-education and effective content through the activity.

Also, the existence of adults in society full of information is big. In addition, there are more Internet users of adult than young people. So it is necessary for adult to receive information studies.

Therefore, we think the suggestion of lecture meeting which is easy to join.

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